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Applicant:

Yakov Kamen

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE

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SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on June 16, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding office action under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a). Applicant encloses \$1020.00 as payment of the required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a).

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a). A check in the amount of \$1810.00 is enclosed as payment of the required fee for this request (\$790.00 + \$1020.00 for the three-month extension of time).

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It is believed that no additional fee is required with this Amendment. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1794.